

II. REMARKS

In this Office Action, new claims 18-30 are rejected as being improper after an *Ex parte Quayle* Action. Claims 18-30 are canceled herein.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-12 are now in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional fees associated with this Response, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Response, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone conference with the Examiner to attend to these matters.

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